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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article to be worn by a user comprising an absorbent body and a cover enclosing the same, which on a first side, facing the user in an in-use position, displays a fluid-pervious surface layer and on a second side, facing away from the user in an in-use position, displays a fluid-impervious surface layer, wherein the fluid-pervious surface layer comprises an impregnation, wherein the impregnation consists of at most two hydrophilic organic solvent components and ~~at least one of~~ water and an acid, wherein one of said at most two hydrophilic organic solvents component is glycerol and said impregnation has a low vapour pressure at room temperature.

2. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said impregnation has a vapour pressure less or equal to 1 mm Hg at 40°C.

3. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said impregnation has a high oxygen content.

Claims 4-9 (Cancelled).

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10. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said impregnation consists of one hydrophilic organic solvent component being glycerol [[,]] and, optionally an acid.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 10, wherein the acid is lactic acid.

13. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 3, wherein the oxygen content is 30%.

14. (New) A disposable absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the impregnation further consists of an acid.

15. (New) A disposable absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the impregnation is non-adhesive.

16. (New) A disposable absorbent article to be worn by a user comprising an absorbent body and a cover enclosing the same, which on a first side, facing the user in an in-use position, displays a fluid-pervious surface layer and on a second side, facing away from the user in an in-use position, displays a fluid-impervious surface layer, wherein the fluid-pervious surface layer comprises an impregnation, wherein the impregnation consists of at most two hydrophilic organic solvent

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components and an acid, wherein one of said at most two hydrophilic organic solvent components is glycerol and said impregnation has a low vapour pressure at room temperature.

17. (New) A disposable absorbent article according to claim 16, wherein the impregnation further consists of water.

18. (New) A disposable absorbent article according to claim 16, wherein the impregnation is non-adhesive.

19. (New) A disposable absorbent article to be worn by a user comprising an absorbent body and a cover enclosing the same, which on a first side, facing the user in an in-use position, displays a fluid-pervious surface layer and on a second side, facing away from the user in an in-use position, displays a fluid-impervious surface layer, wherein the fluid-pervious surface layer includes a non-adhesive impregnation comprising at most two hydrophilic organic solvent components and at least one of water and an acid, wherein one of said at most two hydrophilic organic solvent components is glycerol and said impregnation has a low vapour pressure at room temperature.

20. (New) A disposable absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the impregnation enhances an absorption rate of bodily fluids to the absorbent body.

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21. (New) A disposable absorbent article according to claim 15, wherein the impregnation enhances an absorption rate of bodily fluids to the absorbent body.